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#### (57) Abstract

The present invention generally provides a retroviral protease—inhibiting compound represented by formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, a prodrug, or an ester thereof, wherein A is a group of formula (II), (III), (IV), or (V); R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, or R<sup>6</sup> is H, or an optionally substituted and/or heteroatom-bearing alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or cyclic group; Y and/or Z are CH<sub>2</sub>, O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, amino, amides, carbamates, ureas or thiocarbonyl derivatives thereof, optionally substituted with an alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl group; n is from 1 to 5; X is a bond, an optionally substituted methylene or ethylene, an amino, O or S; Q is C(O), C(S), or SO<sub>2</sub>; m is from 0 to 6; R<sup>4</sup> is OH, =O (keto), NH<sub>2</sub>, or alkylamino, including esters, amides, and salts thereof; and W is C(O), C(S), S(O), or SO<sub>2</sub>; wherein the compound inhibits a multidrug-resistant retroviral protease. Optionally, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>, together the N–W bond of formula (I), comprise a 12– to 18–membered ring. Also provided are pharmaceutical compositions for, and therapeutic methods of, treating a multidrug-resistant retroviral infection in a mammal.

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